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Update on the Brentwood Tax Assessment Cyclical Data Collection Project

The Brentwood Cyclical Data Collection project is entering the next phase of a 2+ year process to ensure accurate data is represented on each owner's property assessment record. Jim Michaud, the Town's tax assessor contractor hired by the Brentwood Board of Selectmen, has been in town measuring and listing property starting in December of 2008 and will continue through 2010.

Jim has photo identification issued by, and his vehicle information on record at, the Brentwood Police Department. The data collection started in the northern part of town and is moving southerly from there.

It is necessary that property owners please allow the data collectors to inspect the interior as well as conduct exterior measurements of all buildings on the site. If no one is home at the time the data collector arrives, he will leave a yellow call-back card with a phone number for the property owner to call to schedule an interior inspection.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call the Brentwood Board of Selectmen's Office at: 642-6400, ext. 10. Thank you for your cooperation.

Board of Selectmen

June Recycling Pick-up Dates

June 8 & 9

June 22 & 23

July 4th

The Newsletter happily reprints the following letter.

Dear Brentwood 4th of July Committee,

My name is Anna Sang and I'm a resident of Brentwood in 6th grade. I have an idea about getting money for our 4th of July celebration. There is this contest sponsored by Liberty Mutual called *Bring Back the 4th Contest*. It's basically just a simple quiz that you

take online about Patriotic America. The more people in your town who take the quiz, the better [chance] your town has to win, because the winners are determined on the participation rate in your town. The deadline for the contest is June 14th, and 10 winners are picked. Those 10 winning towns get \$10,000 towards their 4th of July celebration. I was hoping you could help me get the word out by maybe printing an article about this in our newsletter, or sending the link below to Brentwood residents via e-mail. I also plan to place a poster in the town library

The website for the quiz is
<http://www.bringbackthe4th.com> You can contact me at: sportsgirl7398@gmail.com

Thank you, **Anna Sang**

4th of July Parade

Everyone welcome to join! Floats, tractors, decorated bikes, antique cars, trucks, youth groups, adult groups, horses, farm animals, pets – all to celebrate the birthday of the USA!

Line up 10:00 AM at Swasey School on Sunday, July 4. Step-off at 11:00 AM sharp.

**Come and Join or
Come and Watch!**

Questions? 642-6400 Ext. 14.

Fireworks!

Start at dark behind the Rockingham County Nursing home. Come early for family oriented food, drinks, hayrides, music at reasonable prices -- proceeds go to the County Home EFFORTS committee.

The Fireworks Display needs your donations! Funds supplied entirely by donations from local businesses and civic minded individuals. Container at Town Clerk's office. Please make checks payable to 4th of July Committee and send to 1 Dalton Rd., Brentwood, NH 03833.

*The Brentwood 4th of July Committee
Wayne Robinson, Jane Byrne and Phyllis
Thompson, Treasurer*

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD On the Web: www.brentwoodnh.gov**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

Phone: 642-6400 X 14
 Monday-Wed.-Thurs. 9:00-4:30
 Tuesday 9:00-8:00
 Friday 8:30-4:00
 Saturday Closed

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310
 Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:30
 Friday 9:00-1:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
 On the Web: <http://home.comcast.net/~bartlettlibrary/>
 Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-5
 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1
 Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
 Swasey School on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

From the Town Clerk/Tax Collector**From the Tax Collector**

► All tax bills are out and will be **due July 1, 2010**. If you don't receive a bill please call this office. Also, if you purchased a home in May the bill was sent to the previous owner.

From the Town Clerk

- Fines for unlicensed dogs will start June 1. Civil Forfeitures will also be started in June; the cost is \$25.00 for each unlicensed dog plus late fees. Please license your dog!
- Two checks are needed to register your car, one for the State and one for the Town.
- The office is closed on Saturdays in June, July and August.

July-August Issue

The next issue of the *Newsletter* will be a combined July-August issue, covering **information from July 12 to September 6**. The **deadline** for that information will be **Wednesday, June 30**. Please call or email if you have any questions.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

772-4534 lindarou@rcn.com

The Flags in the Town Center

The American flags along the Town Center portions of Dalton and Middle Roads are provided by the family of William J. Vahey in his memory. They will be in place through July 4.

Brentwood Seniors Cookout

The Brentwood Seniors meeting on **Wednesday, June 23**, will take place at the **Community Center's picnic pavilion** starting at 11:30 am. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Members will bring a variety of salads and side dishes to accompany the cookout meal. If there are questions, call Gene Orcutt, president, 642-4597.

The Town Directory

The updated Town Directory is included in this issue. Tear it out and keep it handy. An expanded version with a Town Map is available at no charge at the Town Clerk's and Selectmen's Office. These are compiled as a service by the *Brentwood Newsletter*.

THE BRENTWOOD NEWSLETTER

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Business Article: \$100 half page, \$200 full page, available in any issue.

Deadline for July-Aug. issue: Wednesday, June 30

Mail or bring your articles to Linda Rousseau, 90 Prescott Road, Brentwood, NH 03833,
 or e-mail to lindarou@rcn.com

Memorial Day Ceremony 2010

Meaningful, appropriately focused, fully inclusive, inspiring, memorable — these are some of the descriptions that come to mind looking back on the ceremony. Attendance this year was much higher and included many more children. If you were not there, you missed an important event, and you should plan now to attend in 2011.



Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scout Leaders, march behind the stirring bagpipe music of Gordon Wilson to begin the ceremony. Master of Ceremonies Jon Worrall, U.S. Navy CPO, retired, welcomed everyone, remarking on the gratifyingly large size of the crowd. He then called for a Moment of Silence. This was followed by a prayer offered by Pastor Allen Cook of Grace Ministries in Brentwood.

Assisted by Norman Lemoine, Superintendent of Cemeteries, Webelos Tyler Silverwood, Rory Blonski and Dylan Thom raised the flag, then lowered it to half-mast. Following this the Scouts led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Representative Don Petterson and State Senator John Barnes each addressed the gathering underscoring the solemnity of this Day of Remembrance.



Albert Belanger, Cemetery Trustee and former long-time Master of Ceremonies of this event, spoke about the succinct power of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address which had followed a two hour oration by Edward Everett. The latter had received tumultuous applause, but Lincoln's address was followed by silence, leading him to believe it a failure. Everett, speaking to Lincoln, said "I should be glad if I could flatter myself that I came as near the central idea of the occasion in two hours as you did in two minutes." It was some time before Lincoln realized that his address was not applauded out of respect — that its greatness gave it the clothing of a prayer for which applause would be inappropriate.

From memory, Albert then recited the address.



MC Worrall asked that all Veterans gather around the flag. Flags for each service were placed: Air Force by Alma Vahey, Marine by Steven Belanger, Army by Randy Frotton, Coast Guard by Steve Floyd and Navy by Jon Worrall. Jon spoke briefly and recited an inspiring poem.

Heartfelt thanks go to the Epping American Legion, Post 51, which then provided a wreath, a full color guard and a firing

Squad for a 21 gun salute to pay honor to those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. The salute was followed by the playing of TAPS twice, once in the foreground and once as a far-away echo.

Pastor Cook offered a closing prayer which was followed by Gordon Wilson playing "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

Everyone at this occasion qualifies as a contributor, whether participant or spectator. The overriding theme of gratitude to our men and women in the armed services, and especially to those whose contribution was life itself, was omnipresent. All who were there deserve praise, and as Jon Worrall said, should encourage even greater participation next year.

Turn to page 10 for the names of the participants and another picture of the Scouts.

Jim Clark

Brentwood Graduates

Kyle Glowacky received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Film Production from Emerson College in Boston on May 17, 2010. His thesis film *I O K A* debuted at the Paramount Theater in Boston. He is currently working at theater on Block Island for the summer. His parents are Tom and Lauren Glowacky of Northrup Drive.

Max Andrew Koenig graduated May 16, 2010 from The George Washington University in Washington, DC. His major was Economics and he minored in English. He is the son of Mark and Rosemary Koenig of Gallant Drive.

Alison Travers will graduate from Governors Academy in Byfield, Mass. on June 6. She will attend Bates College in Lewiston, Maine in the fall. She is the daughter of Nancy Braese and Michael Travers of Stevens Drive.

Samantha Whitehouse graduated from the University of New Hampshire as a University Scholar, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.[inducted into the Honor Convocation on the 21st of May.] Her parents are Butch and Michele Whitehouse of Old Gordon Road.

Pickpocket Farm CSA and Farm Stand

Pickpocket Farm is happy to announce its first season of growing. We are an uncertified organic farm growing a large variety of herbs and vegetables. This year we have 21 different varieties of tomatoes and many different types of lettuce greens, including arugula, mixed greens, and head lettuce. Our community supported agriculture (CSA) shares are all filled for this season, but food will be available at our self serve roadside farm stand. We will also have a wide variety of transplants for your garden, like broccoli, tomatoes, and peppers, and if you catch it right, you may find some high demand asparagus for sale.

You can check out more details about our farm at our website <http://pickpocketfarm.weebly.com>.

The farm is located at 141 Pickpocket Road. Please feel free to contact us at gerkin5@comcast.net, if you have any questions or comments.

Audrey Gerkin

Mailing Crew for May

Many thanks on behalf of the town to the following team in the South Road area who assembled the May issue of the *Newsletter* for mailing: Roland and Virginia Martin, Ricky and Christine Martin, and John and Stephany Kiely.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Brentwood 2010 Christmas Tree Limo Fund Grant Awarded

The Christmas Tree Limo volunteer committee met on May 8 to review three applications for the money raised this past winter from collecting trees. One of the applicants was withdrawn due to cancellation of their project, which left applications from the Fourth of July Committee and from Boy Scout Troop 322 Life Scout, Connor Ball. We were delighted to have these two Brentwood applicants submit their requests, and felt both had very interesting and deserving projects. Both applications met all of the grant's criteria:

- Targeted use of funds exclusively for Brentwood community or a Brentwood-based organization
- Imminent need for funds (within one year)
- Financial hardship
- Restricted resources of other funding

We voted unanimously to award this year's *Tree Limo Fund Grant* money to both applicants. Since 2009 grant money was rolled over to 2010 for a total of \$1320.00, we were happily able to do this.

Connor Ball, resident of Northrup Drive, will be granted his full request for \$326.00 to partially fund his Eagle Scout Project. He is planning to renovate Brentwood's canoe trailer so that citizens of Brentwood can use town-owned canoes and kayaks to enjoy the Exeter River. It took this young scout to remind us that Brentwood owns these boats, donated to the town many years ago by the Boy Scouts. If approved by BSA leadership, Connor also plans on mapping the river and making a video of key points for the town Recreation Department and website so it can be available to residents. Be on the lookout for Connor's blog about his Eagle Scout project, and please consider giving him any other support he'll need in carrying out his mission.

The remainder of the grant money, \$994.00, will be awarded to the Brentwood Fourth of July Committee. This committee relies solely on donations to fund the fireworks at the annual 4th of July celebration behind the Rockingham County Nursing Home. The fireworks display is an anticipated Brentwood tradition and has attracted quite a following over the years. Jane Byrne will accept the grant award on behalf of the Fourth of July Committee. She continues to solicit donations from area businesses, just as her husband, Red Byrne, did for so many years.

In light of most grant applicants needing the assurance of cost coverage for summer projects, the Tree Limo Committee also made a unanimous decision to push the grant application deadline for next year back to March 1, our original deadline. Thanks for your support as we close our organization for the season. Don't forget to reserve your tree pickup at treelimo@comcast.net again in January 2011, and help give a Brentwood-based organization a financial boost!

Elyse Seeley

Breaking Ground



At the official groundbreaking ceremony for Brentwood's fire station on May 22, seven people who are key contributors to this much-needed project dig the symbolically first shovelfuls. From the left they are Kevin Lemoine, Fire Chief, Gary Raymond, Deputy Fire Chief, John Ricci, Ricci Construction Co., Kevin Johnston, Selectman, John Kennedy, Building Committee and Planning Board member, David Menter, Selectman and Jane Byrne Selectman. Granting favorable conditions, a functional facility will be ready by late Fall.

Peppermint Ponies 4H Club and Summer Camp

Does your child love horses? Girls and boys ages 5 to 18 years are welcome to attend Peppermint Ponies 4H club meetings to learn more about horses, ponies, 4H and group hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership is necessary. Scholarships available. Questions? Contact Jan Brubacher, Leader at 679-3367, 303-1584, j.brubacher@comcast.net, or www.peppermintponies4h.org.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Attention all Dads and Daughters (ages 4 to 12 years). The 3rd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on **Friday June 25, 2010 from 6:30 – 9 p.m.** at the **Recreation Center on Rte. 125**. This year's theme will be Alice in Wonderland. Appetizers, desserts, and beverages will be served and we will also be hosting a child friendly raffle.

The cost of the dance is \$15 per couple with \$5 dollars for each additional daughter. A professional photographer will be at the dance to take portraits for anyone interested. Cost for the photo package is \$15 and it includes two 5x7s with additional options. We are looking for volunteers to help with set up, clean up, food and raffle items.

If you are able to assist in any capacity, please contact Kellie Day at kelrisday@comcast.net. Look for registration forms to be sent home in the Wednesday Folders from Swasey School or contact Kellie directly.

Swasey Parent Faculty Group

What a great year! We are thankful for such a supportive community.

Mark your calendars for the First Meeting of the 2010-2011 School Year:
September 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
Swasey School Library

Next year's officers are:

President: Scott Dennehy
Vice President: Mandi Elmore
Secretary: Lisa Bradsher
Treasurer: Amy Mitchell
Parent-at-Large: Krista Steger

Thank you to everyone for sending in their Box Tops!! We beat last year's total with over \$1,450 collected for the 09/10 school year. Way to go!!! Our BoxTops money, along with a match from the PFG, will buy a new AV system for SCS to be used for school assemblies, musical and sporting events, town meetings.all events in the SCS gymnasium will sound awesome!! Keep saving those BoxTops over the summer; send them in next year or drop them in the collection boxes at the MEB Library or our Town Office.

PFG Website – if you have questions or need more information about any of our events please visit our website <http://swaseypfg.pbwiki.com/>

Pam Carr

To the Editor

When I was a kid, I rode my bike around town by myself – even on the busy roads. I grew up in a suburban New Jersey town where manicured lawns were the norm; woods and wilderness were hard to come by, but every tiny patch of it that existed in town, I knew about. I remember riding my bike – with training wheels – around the block when I was five years old, well out of sight of my mother. I can remember playing at the schoolyard every evening during the summer with my friends. I repeatedly paid so little attention to the hour that my mother finally got annoyed and served dinner without me.

I think most of us who are parents today had similar freedoms as kids – yet for some reason we're not comfortable affording them to our children. "The world is different today," we tell ourselves.

Well, yes, actually it is. It's safer. Crime rates peaked in the early 90's and have fallen to levels that are lower than they were in the 70's, when we were kids. And it's not just because we're keeping our kids indoors – *all* crime rates have fallen across the board. Everybody is safer. We worry about letting our kids stray out of our sight, in the fear that a stranger will snatch them, but statistically speaking, the risk of a child being abducted is about 1 in 1.5 million, or 0.00007 percent. We regularly engage in far riskier behavior without a second thought about it. We drive them places in the car, when they are actually far more likely to die in a car crash. We let them swim, though they are more likely to drown in a pool.

We keep them indoors all day, though they are more likely to die in a house fire. And in doing so, we're raising a generation of kids that are getting more sedentary and overweight, and they're not learning anything about real-world skills. Instead of teaching them what they need to navigate the world safely; how to deal with strangers, or how to be safe on their bikes, we're doing it all for them.

Nobody is saying that there isn't risk to letting kids out on their own. But there are risks to everything we do, and some dangers are just so remote that it doesn't make sense to change your behavior around them. Especially when changing behavior can introduce other risks that are far greater.

My son rides his bike around the neighborhood (wearing his helmet) and more often than not, comes home telling us that he didn't see any kids playing outdoors. He is currently the only child at Swasey that I'm aware of who is permitted to ride his bike to school on his own.

Parents, please consider loosening your reins this summer. Consider allowing your kids some of the same freedoms that you had as a child. Admittedly this can be hard at first, but it gets easier, and then it becomes positively liberating when they're invited to a friend's

house and you can tell them to just ride their bike over, without having to pile the whole family into the car. Or when you can send them across the street on their own to pick up something from the neighbors – or even on short errands around town.

Because with more freedom comes more responsibility, and in the case of my son, both sides of the coin have been embraced quite enthusiastically.

Cynthia Hartnett

For more information, check out <http://freerangekids.wordpress.com/> or read the book *Free Range Kids* by Lenore Skenazy.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Brianna "Brie" Rose Dillon** of Wendell Drive, who died May 1 at age 25, from complications resulting from pneumonia. She attended Swasey School and graduated from Exeter High School in 2003. She was a volunteer at Appleseeds Child Care Center and Richie McFarland Children's Center.

Sincere sympathy and friendship are offered by their friends and neighbors to the family of **Marjorie G. Haase** of Sherman Avenue, 83, who died May 6 at her home. Born and raised in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, she earned an MA degree in Library Science from Columbia University, New York, and attended the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. She was a real estate broker in Redding, Conn. for many years before moving to Brentwood in recent years.

Deep sympathy and friendship are extended to the loving family of **Emil B. Covey**, 90, of Lake Road, who died May 7 at the Rockingham County Nursing Home. Born in Lawrence, Mass., he was a resident of Brentwood for most of his life. After serving in World War II as a Sergeant in the US Army Air Corps 34th Fighter Squadron, 413 Fighter Group, he earned a degree in Electronic Engineering at Lowell Tech. Inst., worked for Raytheon Co. for 34 years, and was assigned by Raytheon to work in Paris from 1974-76, updating NATO's system of improved Hawk Missiles.

Sincere condolences and friendship are offered to the family of **Martha J. Roy**, 74, of Sherman Avenue, who died at home on Sunday, May 23. Born in Brown-ington, Vt., she was raised in Franklin, Mass. and lived in Hampton before moving to Brentwood some 45 years ago. She was secretary at a law firm in Exeter for several years and more recently was an aide at the Rockingham County Nursing Home.

Brentwood Recreation News

Summer Soccer Camps

We will be offering two soccer camps this summer for children:

PlaySoccer week of July 26-30. *Children 4-12 yrs.*

Challenger Sports week of August 23-27. *Children 3-12*

Brochures and Sign-up forms will be available in the Recreation office or you can sign up online through the following websites

Play Soccer -- <http://www.playsoccercamps.com>

Challenger Sports <http://registration.challengersports.com>

Register online early and receive a FREE World Cup shirt. Consider being a host family for a visiting coach and receive a great discount on your child's registration fee.

Basketball Skills Clinic

Saturday, July 24 -- Talbot Gym in Exeter.

Open to Girls and Boys 3rd grade through 6th grade

We will offer 3-hour basketball skills clinics to introduce simple drills and techniques for individual skill development, ahead of fall recreation league play. The emphasis will be on active participation and creative drills, supervised by local area recreation league coaches. The Clinic focus will be on:

- Providing stationary, dribbling and finishing drills to improve ball handling (use of 2-ball drills emphasized for development of weak hand).
- Providing fundamental shooting skills emphasizing proper technique and shot preparation.

Session 1 3rd and 4th Grade 9am-12pm
Session 2 5th and 6th Grade 1pm-4pm

Cost \$10. Registration forms are available in the Recreation office or on our website.

The clinic is open to residents and non-residents.

New Class! Zumba Fitness Classes

Zumba® is a Latin-inspired dance-fitness cardio based workout that with incorporated sculpting exercises tones the entire body top to bottom. Zumba® takes you on an international journey through dance and rhythms including Salsa, Reggaeton, Merengue, Cumbia and much more. You will have so much fun listening to the music, doing the steps and moving your body you will forget you are exercising.

Instructor Julie Dolliver is Zumba® and Zumba® Gold Certified and soon to be Zumba® Toning Certified. She also holds a Personal Trainer Certification and Group Fitness Certification through AFAA and is CPR certified.

Please wear comfortable clothing and sneakers (older worn sneakers work best). Bring water!

Cost is \$40/ six weeks. Drop-in is \$8.00

**Evening Class: Thursdays 7-8:00pm,
June 24– July 29.**

Registrations forms are available at the Recreation office or on our website.

American Red Cross

Baby Sitter Training Course

Tuesday, August 3 9am-3:30pm Cost: \$52

This fun interactive course teaches first aid and safety skills so sitters can prevent and respond to emergencies. They will learn to supervise infants to school age children, make good responsible decisions and perform basic care routines. Sign-up in the Recreation Office. Space is limited.

New England School of Archery

Archery Course

Mondays, July 12-Aug. 2 9:30am \$55

This is an introduction to the Junior Olympic Archery course. The class is for children 8 years and older who are new to archery and competition. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to join as well! All equipment will be provided. Space is limited. Deadline for sign-up is July 1.

Sign-up at the Recreation office.

Discount Water Country Tickets

Tickets will be available again this summer for just **\$25**. That's an \$11.99 savings! You can purchase tickets at the Recreation Office.

Yoga Classes

**Six weeks for \$48 \$10 drop-in
Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 7:45 PM**

These will be yoga classes for anyone who has already experienced yoga, as well as for someone who would like to try yoga for the first time. Dress in comfortable clothing for this hour-and-fifteen minute class to enjoy the benefits of yoga for strength, flexibility, and for stress-reduction in your life. **Come join us!**

All-levels yoga classes, taught by Yoga Alliance Certified Instructor, Wilhelmina Bradley, RYT.

Tang Soo Do Classes

Tang Soo Do is a Korean Martial Art that emphasizes whole body self defense and physical training. It is a true Martial Art comprised of both hard

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and soft techniques. Training in Tang Soo Do is beneficial for self discipline, self defense and health.

Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement officer Bob Meegan. He is currently a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

Classes are available **Monday and Friday at the Brentwood Community Center. 6:30-8:00pm.**

Enrollment is continual, so you may begin at any point.

Cost: \$50/single per month
\$90/family per month (2 or more)

For more information contact instructor Bob Meegan at 742-3565 or contact the Recreation office.

Cribbage Group

Wednesday evenings at 7 pm

Our group meets at the Brentwood Community Center on Route 125 for a fun, casual evening of cribbage playing. If you would like to join us or just want more information, please contact: Ursula Mackey at ucbm@comcast.net or 603-642-9178. A \$1 donation is appreciated. **All are welcome!**

Facilities Rental

Remember there are still weekday and weekend dates available at the Community Center. Consider having your meeting, birthday party, shower, or other events at our facility. Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office.

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, www.brentwoodnh.gov. Forms are there to be downloaded for your convenience, as well as other important information about current programs and events.

Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director

(603) 642-6400 ext. 20 recreation@brentwoodnh.gov
Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-3:30 pm.
Commission meetings 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

June always proves to be a comparatively peaceful month here at the library as we, along with you, are enjoying the lovely warm weather. However, we are gearing up for the summer reading program as every one of you is busy with end of school events, graduations, weddings and all sorts of fun things.

Alice In Wonderland, starring Mia Wasikowska as the 19 year old Alice who returns to Wonderland to reunite with

her childhood friends, the White Rabbit, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the Doormouse, the Caterpillar, the Cheshire Cat and of course, the Mad Hatter starring Johnny Depp, is the Friday Night Flick scheduled for June 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Leap Year, the Ladies' Night Movie planned for Thursday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m., is a delightful romance set in Ireland and starring Amy Adams and Matthew Goode.

Thanks to the New Hampshire Humanities Council, we will be presenting "Petticoat Patriot: A Woman in the Continental Army" on Tuesday, the 15th of June at 7:00 p.m. This is a living history presentation starring Joan Gattorna, who combines research and theatrical skills to bring to life the story of Deborah Sampson, a young woman who disguised herself as a man in order to serve in the Continental Army for seventeen months.

The Brentwood Bookers are going to be reading *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. We will be meeting on our usual last Monday of the month, the 28th. The books will be available and everyone is welcome to join us.

Now, I'll bring out the big news about the summer reading program. This is just a quick preview...you can check out our website or Facebook page for the rest of the details.

Our long time favorite opening act on Monday, the 21st of June at 6:00 p.m. will once again be Martha Dana and her fabulous puppets. We know that all of you who have enjoyed her over the years will be here and hope that all of you who have never seen this wonderful show will bring your supper if you like and your kids, of course and join us in the amphitheater.

We are looking forward to Brentwood's own very remarkable art teacher, Crystal Buswell, teaching several classes right here at the library. How good is that? The first of the classes will be on Wednesday, June 23. We are requiring that you come in to enroll your child and then you must leave your first born with us until we are sure that you are not going to forget you registered and neglect to show up. Sign-ups will begin on Monday the 14th of June.

On Friday evening, June 25 at 6:00, we will be presenting a terrific musical family night with Matt Loosigian and Earth Jams. Matt's performances seamlessly weave messages of environmental stewardship, peace and compassion with humor and silliness.

There will be an open Fourth of July craft day on the 1st of July from 10:00 to noon. Just wander in and make something red, white and blue.

Marilyn Morehead, Library Director

Brentwood Historical Society

Doors at the museum will be **open to the public on Saturday, June 5 from 10am-1pm**. Our new Library Corner makes it easy to take a book or scrap-book to the table and sit down to browse through it. Our new "School Corner" exhibit will have you smiling over days long past and days not so very far away. If you miss this Saturday, come on the **first Saturday of the next two months**, July and August, at the same time. In addition **to Saturday, July 3**, the Museum will also be **open on July 4 from 10 – 1**. That's at 140 Crawley Falls Road.

For our monthly gathering this month, **Thursday, June 10**, members will visit the former Roger Bacon house on Middle Road, also known as "The Old Homestead" or the Henry Marshall Garrison House, about 1705, hosted by the current owners, Ellen Wolff and Kevin King. Since space is limited, this will be for members only.

Keep tuned to our coming events. We hope to see you at one event or all of them.

Alma Vahey, President

Brentwood Gardeners

Thanks to all of you who came out to support our Plant Sale by purchasing plants. We would also like to thank all those gardeners who dug up plants, set up for the Sale and assisted customers at the sale. Every year, this is a joint effort and we appreciate all those who help out.

Up next is our annual trip to Van Berkum's Nursery in Deerfield, NH. Once a year our garden club has been invited to visit this wholesale nursery with other garden clubs, to purchase plants at wholesale prices. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend this in the past, it is highly recommended. Even if you don't buy anything, it is an experience to see all the plants, learn about them, and ask questions from experts.

This event is limited to garden club members only. If you'd like to attend but you are not a club member, call our president Diantha Wade, 772-5217, to find out how to join! Membership is only \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a family membership for one year. We will not hold any meetings during the summer. Our next meeting will be on September 22.

Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners

Want to Grow Your Own Vegetables?

...but don't have good soil or enough sun? Call me at **679-5890**. I am a passionate gardener who can't plant any more. I am offering plots in my vegetable garden on North Road for anyone who loves to garden, is interested in

growing their own, and the price is right – zero. The soil is rich, rototilled and receives full sun. Call for details.

Audrey Porter

Achievement

Congratulations to Donna Buxton, Middle Road, owner of Buxton Oil Company. The company was chosen as *Business NH Magazine's* 2010 Business of the Decade in the Retail/Wholesale Category. Buxton Oil was the magazine's 2008 Business of the Year in the same category. It is honored for its commitment to providing the communities it serves with affordable heating oil, regardless of ability to pay, in addition to its considerable business success.

Report from Your State Representative

When the House met May 12 to deliberate on a budget bill, the mood was a mixture of gloom and frustration. The majority of members were unhappy because they realized that hard choices would have to be made to avoid severe cutbacks in services to the neediest of New Hampshire's residents. The impact of the country's recession has caused revenue shortfalls at a time when needs for medical and mental health programs, child-care programs, care for the elderly and disabled, and other services have not decreased. In fact some have increased commensurate with the growth in unemployment and homelessness.

The frustration arose from the knowledge that even if the House bit the bullet and passed a bill that included some taxes, the Senate might well scuttle it. And indeed that's what happened. After getting the House bill, the Senate replaced it with spending cuts and casino gambling to raise revenue. With the two chambers far apart, negotiations in a conference committee aimed at producing a compromise bill will be tough and contentious. The conferees began meeting Monday May 24 (the date of the *Newsletter* deadline for this article) and must report by Thursday May 27.

The bill that the Finance Committee presented to the House, an amendment to Senate Bill 450, included a tax on tobacco products such as chewing tobacco, but dropped an increase in the tax on cigarettes. It called for an inheritance tax on estates over \$2 million in value. It repealed last year's campsite tax, the increase in rooms and meals levies, and the LLC tax. It decreased the rate of the state's contribution to municipalities to support their retirement expenses. Spending reductions included suspension of the Department of Health and Human Service's catastrophic illness programs and

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senior volunteer grant program for one year. It reduced required funding for juvenile placement programs and the state's contribution for benefits under the New Hampshire retirement system for fiscal year 2011. It required state employees to take twelve furlough days.

House Democrats and Republicans were sharply divided. Republican amendments that would have eliminated all increases in revenues were defeated pretty much along party lines. The final vote on the amendment to SB 450 was close, 182* to 173, as some Democrats joined the 100 percent of Republicans who voted against it.

With the House and Senate so far apart on what to do about the budget deficit, it remains to be seen whether the conference committee members can agree on a bill. If they manage to do so, the bill will have to be approved by both chambers. If they fail to reach agreement, either the governor's cuts, which are more extensive than the House's, will go into effect or the governor will call the legislature into a special session.

If a bill does come out of the conference committee, I most likely will support it. However, I will not vote in favor of any bill that would increase property taxes.

This past month House and Senate acted on dozens of bills coming to them from the other chamber,

concurring with some and rejecting others and sending them to conference committees to try to iron House-Senate differences. Here's a sampling of those actions: Requirement for DNA testing of all persons convicted of a felony (concurred). Requirement that certain health insurance policies include coverage for hearing aids (concurred). A definitive end of dog racing in New Hampshire (concurred). Establishment of a committee to study methods of treating Lyme disease (non-concurred, sent to conference committee). Repeal of prohibitions on Sunday business activities (concurred). Requirement that by the last day of the school year, school superintendents notify all qualified education support personnel and non-certified employees whether or not they will be employed in the coming school year (concurred). Removal of the prohibition on approval of new chartered public schools, and an increase in the renewal term for chartered public schools from 5 years to 7 years (concurred). Implementation of measures to address the serious problem of bullying and protect children from it (concurred).

The House and Senate will continue meeting in June to act upon all the dozens more bills coming out of committees of conference.

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Participants: please note that these are in random order, as matching names to pictures was not achievable.

Veterans: (Picture is on page 3) Jim McGean, Mark Hannon, Kevin Keenan, Tom Ryan, Carl Van Kampen, Jess Elliott, Kevin Johnston, Don Petterson, Bob Stephens, Raymond Jones, Sean Cordier, Norman Lemoine, Steve Floyd, Wayne Robinson, Walter Nolan, Jim Votaur, Raymond Drury, Jack Barnes, Alma Vahey, Stephen Belanger, Randy Frotton, Robert Rondeau.

Cub Scouts: Joel Stephens, Andrew McElroy, Jonah Ryan, Garrek Cordier, Connor Floyd, Charlie Labrecque, Michael Diaz, Derek Bond, Ryan Pearson, Jake Meyers, Sawyer Lasewicz, Bogalay Meyers, Nick Hollister, Jackson Lasewicz.

Weblows: Tyler Silverwood, Rory Blonski, Dylan Thom.

Boy Scouts: Tom Keenan 323, Andrew Stephens 322, Luke Stephens 322, Conor Drury 322, Noah Ryan 322, Jack Robinson 322.

Leaders: Sarah David, Steve Floyd, Mike Silverwood, Sean Cordier, Tressa Ryan, Kelly Myers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 4 **Friday Night Flick** at the Library. **7:00 pm** *Alice in Wonderland*
- June 5 **Town-Wide Yard Sale, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm**, to benefit A Place to Grow .
Brentwood Museum open from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, 140 Crawley Falls Rd.
“Best of the Wurst” Night Buffet – 5:00-6:30, Pilgrim Church, tickets at the door
- June 7 Trails Committee – 7 pm, Town Office Building.
Firemen’s Association – 7:30 pm, Firehouse.
- June 9 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- June 10 **Ladies Night Movie** at the Library. **7:00 pm** *Leap Year*
- June 14 School Board meeting – 6:15, Swasey School Media Center
- June 15 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Presentation at the library **7:00 pm** *Petticoat Patriot: A Woman in the Continental Army*
- June 17 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- June 21 Library Trustees – 6:00 pm, Bartlett Library
Martha Dana and Her Puppets at the library **6:00 pm**
- June 22 Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Town Office Building
- June 23 Brentwood Seniors annual cookout – 11:30 am, Community Center pavilion
Children’s Art Class at the library. Enrollment required. Signups will begin on June 14.
- June 25 **Daddy Daughter Dance – 6:30-9 pm, Community Center**
Musical Family Night with Matt Loosigian and Earth Jams at the library **6:00 pm**
- June 28 Book Discussion at the library 7:00 pm *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*.
- July 1 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Fourth of July Craft Day at the Library. Open to all: 10:00 am until noon.
- July 3 Historical Society Museum open from 10 am – 1 pm.
- July 4 **11:00 am – Parade. Line up at 10:00. Begin and end at Swasey School.**
10:00 am – 1:00 pm – Brentwood Historical Society Museum Open
6:00 pm – Hamburgers/hot dogs, hayrides, music at Rockingham Nursing Home picnic area, North Road
9:00 pm – Fireworks, Rockingham County Nursing Home
- July 5 Trails Committee – 7 pm, Town Office Building.
Firemen’s Association – 7:30 pm, Firehouse.
- July 6 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- July 7 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building”

The public is welcome at all above events



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